Amendments to Specification

Please replace paragraph [0033] of the published application (p. 9, ll. 3 – 17 of the original Application as filed) with the following paragraph:

-- Once the closest call signaling and media proxy server has been selected, the retail VoIP computer system 14 sets up (100) (110) the call using an associated call signaling proxy. A call is broadly defined as an association between a number of participants. A signaling association between a pair of participants is referred to as a connection. There are no physical channel or network resources associated with a connection; the connection exists only as signaling state at the two end points. A session generally refers to a single Real Time Transport Protocol (RTP) session carrying a single media type. Call signaling is used to establish the connection between two endpoints. This connection is typically achieved by exchanging protocol messages on a call-signaling channel. The call-signaling channel is opened between two endpoints. --

Please replace paragraph [0035] of the published application (p. 10, ll. 1 – 21 of the original Application as filed) with the following paragraph:

-- The call signaling proxy can be designed to for use in a call signaling and media proxy server or in a set of call signaling and media proxies servers that have been selected as closest to the client PC 20 because that is where the media originates, unless the media is brought through the retail VoIP system 14. Typically media flows directly from the client PC 20 to the VoIP network 16 and not through the retail VoIP system 14. The call signaling proxy also acts as an entry point into a least cost routing mechanism of the VoIP network 16. A destination telephony gateway is determined (114) for the call. Once a destination telephony gateway, telephony gateway 30 for example, is determined (114) for the call, the call signaling proxy sets up a (116) call to the gateway 30. The call signaling proxy will instruct the retail VoIP system 14 to send (118) PC client 20 media streams to a particular Internet Protocol (IP) address and port associated with a media proxy within the call signaling and media proxy server. The call signaling proxy also instructs the telephony gateway 30 to send its media stream to a particular IP address and port associated with the media proxy. Once the media stream is complete, the call is terminated (120). --